

Project AEGLAG

(Consolidated into Project AEFREEMAN)

AEFLAG

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## PROJECT APPROVAL NOTIFICATION

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	NEW PROJECT	DIVISION <b>SR</b>	
	AMENDMENT	BRANCH <b>2</b>	
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	TERMINATION	CASE OFFICER	
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	OTHER	<b>C J</b>	<b>3582</b>
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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL			
<p><b>Renewal of Project AEFLAG approved in the amount of</b></p> <p><b>C J for FY 1962.</b></p>			
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1	CASE OFFICER	2	DDP/PG

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<b>PROJECT ACTION</b>					PROJECT CRYPTONYM <b>AEFLAG</b>		
	TYPE OF ACTION		FI/CI		<b>X</b> CA		
	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION <b>SR</b>					
	AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION					
	<b>X</b> RENEWAL FY 1962	BRANCH <b>SR/2</b>	DESK <b>Latvian</b>				
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER <b>[Signature]</b>					
	TERMINATION	ROOM NO. <b>2613</b>	BUILDING <b>J</b>	EXTENSION <b>3582</b>			

  

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISION						
ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (And signature)	DATE	COPY NO.	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED		
				YES	NO	DATE
<b>CSR/2/B</b>	<b>[Signature]</b> SIGNED	<b>4 Aug</b>				
<b>CSR/2</b>	<b>[Signature]</b> SIGNED	<b>4 Aug 61</b>				
<b>SR/BF</b>	<b>[Signature]</b> SIGNED	<b>11 Aug 61</b>				
<b>SR/BS</b>	<b>[Signature]</b> SIGNED	<b>8/15/61</b>				
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CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS						
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21 September 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DDP/PG

SUBJECT : Renewal of Projects AEPOLE, AEFLAG and AEBASIN

1. Projects AEPOLE, AEFLAG and AEBASIN, which cover unified CA activities directed into Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, are submitted herewith for renewal for the period 1 July 1961 to 30 June 1962.

2. A strong interrelationship exists among the three projects in their specific objectives, their scope and the specific nature of the activity conducted under them. In effect, they comprise a single Baltic CA program of increasing significance; they are, however, submitted as separate projects for ease of handling from the administrative point of view.

3. Since early 1960, when legal travel from the free world to the Baltic States became possible, there has been an increase in the attention paid the unique position of these countries by the free world press. The public observance in 1960 of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Baltic takeover by the USSR also helped to attract the attention and sympathy of the free world toward the Baltic cause. More recently, the United Nations has been the scene of speeches by free world leaders in which the Baltic States were singled out as the prime examples of Soviet colonialism. The USSR seems to have displayed an unusual sensitivity to this charge. In addition, SR/2 continues to receive reports, mainly from legal travelers and recent immigrants from the Baltic States, which point up the deep-rooted anti-Soviet, anti-Communist and even openly pro-American attitudes of Soviet Balts.

4. An additional series of constant factors serves to illustrate that the question of the Baltic States is among those propaganda issues on which the USSR is particularly vulnerable, and suggests the feasibility of additional KUBARK propaganda exploitation of the Baltic question:

- a. The continuing non-recognition by the U.S. and other Western countries of the Soviet incorporation of the three states into the USSR.

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- b. Strong Baltic feelings of identification with and admiration for Western cultural institutions, coupled with an aversion toward enforced Russification of their homelands.
- c. The nature of the Baltic emigration in the free world. Numerically large and maintaining close contacts with the respective homelands, the free world Balts maintain a free Baltic culture. Their press is effective, and they continue to maintain their identities as distinct communities. Moreover, many of the senior emigre organizations and leaders, with whom SR/2 undertakes large portions of its CA program, have come to realize, largely through SR/2 efforts, the advantages of a united Baltic approach to a common problem, and are abandoning individual national attempts to make the Baltic cause felt. The creation and maintenance of a united Baltic approach to propaganda activities is a continuing objective of projects AEPOLE, AEFLAG and AEBASIN. Some of the benefits of this cooperation are already being realized. The united approach is also being applied to the Baltic radio broadcasts which SR/2 supports in Madrid and Rome.
- d. The prospects for legal travel from the free world to the Baltic area have continued to improve. Just as important, the Soviet Government is permitting more and more Balts to travel to the West, where they can be more easily contacted. These conditions are expected to continue unless there is a worsening of relations as a result of the Berlin crisis.
- e. Recent reports from the Baltic area that certain staple foods are being hoarded, that deportations of anti-Soviet elements in sizable numbers is feared, and that the military conscription program is being stepped-up, all indicate the propitiousness of the present moment, and probably the foreseeable future, for an increase in the propaganda effort directed toward the Baltic area.

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f. It is increasingly evident that unhindered Soviet propaganda over the years may produce an apathy, particularly among the younger generation of Balts, toward conditions of Baltic life under the Soviet system. This makes even more imperative an increased effort to let the captive Balts know that they have not been forgotten by the West or the free world Balts. They must be told how the free world regards their plight, and how the United States stands in regard to not only the Baltic question but on every other issue of international significance. Their desire for independence from the USSR, their feelings of nationalism and their pride in their rich heritage must be kept alive.

5. Recognizing, from a CA-propaganda viewpoint, the validity of the Baltic issue and the potential benefits possible from its exploitation, SR/2/Baltic's unified CA program, in the three attached projects, will exploit that issue as fully as possible under our present circumstances.

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Chief, SR Division

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PROJECT AEFLAG RENEWAL

A. Current Objectives.

Project AEFLAG is directed against the Latvian SSR in the following activities: radio broadcasts, mailing operations, controlled correspondence operations, CA briefings for mounted and "piggy-back" REDSKIN operations, REDSKIN contact operations in the West, development of operations through Latvian emigre organizations, the acquisition, publication and distribution of propaganda literature for use in REDSKIN, mailing, and contact operations, exploitation of other media and phenomena such as demonstrations which have a propaganda potential, and the conduct of special operations and campaigns as required.

Through such activities, the following objectives are being pursued:

- (1) To preserve the national identity of the Latvian people, thereby helping them to resist assimilation into the Soviet society.
- (2) To maintain among the Latvian people an attitude of irreconcilability toward International Communism and the Soviet regime dominating Latvia today.
- (3) To maintain and enhance the pro-Western and pro-American orientation of the Latvian people.
- (4) To encourage revisionist tendencies among Latvian communists.
- (5) To foster evolutionary changes by encouraging the Latvian people to seek continuous concessions from the Soviet regime in Latvia.
- (6) To contribute by all possible means to the growth of intellectual ferment among the Latvian people.
- (7) To expose the nature of Soviet colonialism, through the Baltic example, to the "uncommitted" nations, particularly to influence the attitudes of Afro-Asian students in the West and delegations to international organizations from Afro-Asian nations, on the over-all question of Soviet imperialism.

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**B. Changes.**

Personnel: AEFLAG/8, a Latvian World Student Association leader, and AEFLAG/9, a board member of the Latvian Youth Association, were recruited specifically for the propaganda field. They will work in coordinated propaganda and contact programs with Estonian and Lithuanian student groups which are targeted against Afro-Asian students in the U.S. They also serve as REDSKIN spotters.

**G. Intelligence Production.**

Intelligence obtained through Project AEFLAG has been of value to REDSKIN operations and has included the acquisition of biographic and travel information as well as REDSKIN leads themselves.

**D. Effectiveness.**

Significant operational events:

- (1) Radio broadcasts were continued from Radio Madrid with a 15-minute original broadcast and a 15-minute repeat daily.
- (2) Contract employee [ ] a Latvian asset in the United States, was sent to Europe on a TBI with the following main objectives: to improve qualitatively the Latvian language radio broadcasts of Radio Madrid; to investigate the possibilities of having Radio Rome initiate Latvian broadcasts and to select candidates for positions in the Latvian sections of the above facilities.
- (3) AEFLAG/6, a Latvian REDSKIN agent, returned from the Soviet Union with various manuscript materials which should be rather important in future GA activities against Latvian SSR, as well as against all of the Soviet Union.
- (4) The three major emigre political bodies of the Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian organizations in the United States were united in the propaganda front and a coordinating body for these groups was set up. AEFLAG/4, the head of the American and international Latvian organizations, is serving as the temporary chairman of this group.
- (5) A propaganda board consisting of Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian elements which coordinate the activities of their national groups in Radio Madrid, was formed in order to guide more efficiently the broadcasts emanating from Madrid.

**E. Problems.**

No problems in security, cover or control arose during the project period.



**F. Liaison**

There is no liaison with other governments, intelligence services or security services.

**G. Interagency Coordination.**

was requested to obtain the support of the USIA representative in Rome for initiating Latvian-language broadcasts over Radio Rome. This is not a continuing liaison arrangement, nor is there any relationship under AEFLAG with other U.S. Government agencies.

**H. Plans.**

- (1) SR/2/Baltic efforts to improve the quality of Radio Madrid's Latvian language broadcasts in relation to COMINT propaganda objectives will continue, specifically through a greater degree of cooperation by the Latvian personnel of Radio Madrid with their Lithuanian and Estonian counterparts, and through a new series of specific propaganda directives prepared by [ ] [ ] will interview prospective candidates for writer-broadcaster positions with Radio Madrid's Latvian section in an effort to improve the quality and effectiveness of its personnel. It is expected that AEFLAG/1 will be replaced.
- (2) Utilization of the theme of Soviet colonialism in the Baltic States will continue as a prime activity under AEFLAG. The picture of the Soviet Union as a colonial power will be brought to the particular attention of Afro-Asian students in the United States by Latvian student groups and their leaders, in coordination with their Lithuanian and Estonian counterparts.
- (3) Efforts toward achieving a united approach to anti-Soviet propaganda by Baltic emigre groups will continue. With the influence of AEFLAG/4 in the newly-formed council on Baltic propaganda, it is expected that a more efficient and effective program of Baltic emigre propaganda may result from the group's coordinated efforts.
- (4) It is expected that Latvian-language broadcasts from Radio Rome will be inaugurated during the current fiscal year.
- (5) CA support for REDSKIN operations will be continued.

**I. Costs.**

- (1) For the past period: ☐ ☐
- (2) For the ensuing period: ☐ ☐

**(a) Personnel:**

2 US/GA - <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 7,500.00
AEFLAG/1	6,000.00
1 FN/FA (unwitting) - AEFLAG/2	1,200.00
2 FN/FA (to be hired)	
Rome	4,000.00
Madrid	3,600.00
Quarters for AEFLAG/1	1,500.00

**(b) Supplies Material and Equipment:**

Radio scripts and translations  
Books and periodicals  
Office rent and expenses  
Rome  
Madrid  
Printing of propaganda booklets, pamphlets,  
etc.

**(c) Other Operational Expenses:**

Purchase of services and information  
Area travel for field agents  
Field case officer travel  
Domestic travel Headquarters case officers  
Mailing operations  
Special campaign exploiting the colonialism  
issue  
Entertainment of covert associates

- (d) Payments made to the RPLA, ALA, the Institute  
of Latvian Culture, and Baugavas Vanagi for  
specific operations to include contacting legal  
travelers, special radio programs, demonstrations,  
political action by emigre leaders

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